



Appointments and Briefings

September 13, 2016 – 7:00 PM – **Agenda**
Chambers of the City Council, Room 214

1. Communication, City Clerk/ Clerk of the City Council, to City Council, on behalf of Robert M. Barnes, 204 Cedar Street, New Bedford, MA 02740, d/b/a R & M ENTERTPRISE, INC., 67 Clifford Street, New Bedford, MA 02745, hereby submits a copy of the Application requesting a NEW PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSE, under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 159A, Section 1, and amendments thereto, and M.G.L. Chapter 270, Section 22 (Smoke Free Workplace Law) and all other laws applicable to such operation to carry passengers for hire over the streets of New Bedford. (Ref'd 5/26/16) (7/12/16-tabled 30 days)

INVITEES: Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski; Robert M. Barnes

2. Public Hearing, on APPLICATION, Jason Oliver of Cove Road Auto Sales, for a SPECIAL PERMIT for Motor Vehicle Sales & Rentals and General Repair at 1421 Cove Road, New Bedford, MA 02744. (Duly advertised in the Standard-Times on Wednesday, July 27, 2016 and Wednesday, August 3, 2016) (Ref'd 7/25/16) (8/9/16-tabled 30 days)

INVITEES: DIS Commissioner Danny Romanowicz; Jason Oliver

3. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the City Council's Legislative Counsel and the City Solicitor look into Article II, Section 19-20 through 19-27, with respect to enforcing the requirement that City Employees be residents of the City of New Bedford during the full term of their employment with the City; further, that contracts with the City's Unions (AFSCME, Police, Fire) ensure that every City employee be a resident of the City of New Bedford for the full term of their employment and/or for a MINIMUM OF FIFTEEN years, if so negotiated, (and NOT the presently negotiated 3-4 years) before being allowed to reside in other Cities or Towns; further, that this change, after review by Legislative Counsel and Solicitor, not apply to positions exempted by the code or where Waivers have been granted by the City Council and Mayor when in the best interest of the public to do so, if the Legislative Counsel and City Solicitor so determine to continue exemption (s) after review; and further, that employees presently working for the City that were allowed by Union Contract to reside outside of the City be "Grandfathered In", so as not to cause hardship to said employees and their families. (Ref'd 3/8/12) (12/10/13- Remain in Committee; 10/14/14-tabled; 3/31/15-Remain in Committee; 11/10/15-Remain in Committee)

INVITEES: City Solicitor Mikaela McDermott; Legal Counsel Attorney David Gerwatowski

4. Written Motion, Councillors Coelho and Lopes, requesting, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings look into the possibility of installing a Handicap Ramp at Ft. Taber Beach to allow for

wheelchair bound persons to have direct access to the shoreline, and that Ms. Zelinda Pereira, Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts / Southeastern Office, a representative from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches and a representative from the Harbor Development Commission be invited to attend meeting.(Ref'd 10/10/15) (10/28/15 - tabled & Committee sent a letter to Cynthia Wallquist asking her to provide a status as to where her office is in securing a grant to fund the handicap access ramps at East and West Beaches; 5/17/16-tabled 6 months)

INVITEES: Mary Rapoza, Director of Parks Recreation and Beaches; Cynthia Wallquist, Representative from Commission for Citizens with Disabilities

Chairman suggests 'No Further Action'

5. Written Motion, Councillors Winterson, Coelho, Lopes and Carney, requesting, that the surrounding Towns, Freetown, Acushnet, Dartmouth, Mattapoissett, Marion, Fairhaven and Wareham, inform the City Council what their current treatment plans are regarding the utilization of Town properties, or future site plans relative to the opioid crisis; and further, are there any treatment centers or plans for inpatient or outpatient services in these Towns, the resources of the City of New Bedford are being exhausted due to the influx of residents of these surrounding Towns coming to New Bedford and expending our services. (Ref'd 1/14/16)
6. Communication, Carl W. Gehring, Gehring & Associates, LLC, on behalf of Verizon Wireless, to Council President Morad, regarding Verizon Wireless plans to augment its existing wireless network in the City by installing wireless equipment on certain selected utility poles in the public right-of-way. (To be Referred to Committee on Appointments & Briefings.) (Ref'd 6/09/16) (7/12/16-tabled)
7. Written Motion, Councillors Abreu, Winterson, Martins and Bousquet, requesting, that Representatives of the Cannabis Society address the Committee on Appointments and Briefings, regarding the potential economic development impact here in New Bedford with the development of retail, cultivation, and manufacturing facilities to process Medical Marijuana, as a result of the Massachusetts voters passing Question 3 to legalize Medical Marijuana for those debilitating conditions in 2012, medical manufacturing facilities are needed all throughout the Commonwealth, especially within densely populated metropolitan communities such as New Bedford. (To be Referred to the Committee on Appointments and Briefings and the New Bedford Economic Development Council.) (Ref'd 3/10/16)